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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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MAIL: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment in response to the Non-Final
Office Action mailed on 7 November 2005.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any
overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1391.

**Please consider this as a Petition for an Extension of time and authorization
to debit Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-1391 for the amount of the petition fee, if
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The undersigned hereby certifies that this Amendment, Transmittal Letter and the papers herein identified, as described herein, are being sent by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office addressed to: Mail Stop AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 7 MARCH 2006.

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